

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 1, 2005, claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park et al. (EP 1382254 A1) in view of Kean (U.S. Patent No. 3,812,776). The foregoing rejection is respectfully traversed.

Paragraphs [0018] and [0026] have been amended. None of the claims have been amended herein. Claims 1-10 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner admits that Park et al. fails to discuss "an adjusting member" as recited in claim 1, for example. However, the Examiner asserts that Kean discusses this feature. The Applicants respectfully disagree.

Instead, Kean merely discusses a two-piece rotary spit for use with an electric drive motor above an open charcoal bed or the like in barbecuing roasts and fowl (see Abstract and FIG. 1). The spit comprises a rod section having a handle on an outer end and a binder screw which secures a bearing member along the rod section (see column 2, lines 33-51). The teachings of Kean are fundamentally different from the present invention. That is, Kean is unrelated to a bread maker.

Dependent claims 2-10 recite patentably distinguishing features of their own. For example, claim 3 recites "a pair of dough profile parts facing each other in the slit and contacting with the mixing bag".

Therefore, the combination of Park et al. and Kean fails to establish a prima facie case of obviousness over the present invention.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and claim have been amended. Claim has been cancelled. Claims are pending and under consideration.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

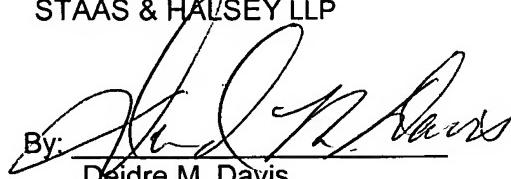
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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